

USS Emory S. Land (AS 39)

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Capt. Michael D. Budney United States Navy Commanding Officer

Captain Budney is a native of Horseheads, New York and a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy where he majored in Physics.

Following Nuclear Power and Basic Submarine schools, Captain

Budney first served aboard USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) as Main Propulsion Assistant and Damage Control Assistant, from May 1982 to August 1985. His next assignment was to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he earned a Masters in Electrical Engineering in 1987.

In May 1988 he reported aboard USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) for a three-year tour as the Navigation/Operations officer. During this tour MEMPHIS conducted two North Atlantic deployments.

Immediately after leaving MEMPHIS, Captain Budney reported to USS SIMON LAKE (AS 33) to serve as the Radiological Controls Officer from May 1991 to April 1993. His next assignment was to the USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) as Executive Officer. During this tour MONTPELIER conducted a Mediterranean Sea deployment with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battlegroup in support of NATO operations in Bosnia. MONTPELIER also won the 1994 and 1995 CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor awards for Retention Excellence.

From August 1995 to August 1997 Captain Budney served as the Assistant for Undersea Warfare on the CNO Executive Panel. He was next assigned as Commanding Officer of USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735) (BLUE) from June 1998 to February 2001, where he made four strategic deterrent patrols.

During his tour PENNSYLVANIA earned the COMSUBRON 16 Battle Efficiency "E".

After his command tour Captain Budney transferred to Commander SEVENTH Fleet staff in Yokosuka, Japan, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Command and Control, Communications, and Computers from April 2001 to June 2002. In July 2002 he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy for duty as the Third Battalion Officer, and in September 2003 relieved as the Acting Deputy Commandant.

USS EMORY S. LAND is a forward deployed submarine tender providing the only mobile maintenance; logistics and weapons reload capability for U. S. and NATO Naval forces in the Mediterranean Sea. ESLs performance and contribution to the Global War on Terrorism has far exceeded expectations and set it apart from its peers, past and present.

A large afloat maintenance activity, ESL provides Tomahawk cruise missile and MK-48 Advanced Capability

(ADCAP) torpedo storage and reload support. Additionally, the full capability of the ship's large Fleet Maintenance Activity (FMA) performs a wide variety of repairs ranging from limited depot level and complex intermediate level work to small, routine jobs on all classes of Naval ships.

ESL also provides a wide range of other support services to deployed warships and submarines including electrical power, potable water supply, CHT disposal, oily waste disposal, nitrogen, resupply of small arms ammunition, pyrotechnics and countermeasures, logistics, medical, dental, disbursing, postal, CMS and communications, support, legal and administrative services, ministry outreach.

Facts and Figures

Length: 644 feet Beam: 85 feet

Full load displacement: 23,000 tons

Full load draft: 26 feet

Area of main deck: Over 1 acre

Power: 20,000 Shaft Horse Power Steam

Sustained speed: 18 knots Total complement: 1,500

Deck levels: 13

Compartments and spaces: 913 Number of screws & rudders: 1 each

Number of anchors: 3

Weight of anchors: 2 forward, 40,000 lbs

each 1 aft, 20,000 lbs